

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1480

Introduced by Assembly Member Maze

February 22, 2005

An act to add Article 1.3 (commencing with Section 78017) to Chapter 1 of Part 48 of the Education Code, relating to agricultural education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1480, as introduced, Maze. Agricultural education: California Community Colleges.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at the community college campuses they maintain.

This bill would express various findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to agricultural education in the community college system. The bill would require the California Community College Statewide Agricultural Advisory Committee to identify and develop quality program criteria that may be used to uniformly evaluate the effectiveness of the agricultural education programs in community colleges throughout California. The bill would require that these criteria be developed in consultation with instructors, administrators, students, industry representatives, and other interested parties, and submitted, no later than June 30, 2006, in a written report to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 1.3 (commencing with Section 78017) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 48 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 1.3. Agricultural Education Program Quality Criteria

78017. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Agriculture is one of the most important industries in California, contributing over sixty-five billion dollars (\$65,000,000,000) annually to the state's economic activity.

(b) Agricultural education programs within the California Community Colleges system can, and do, play an important role in providing relevant workforce training as well as college and university transfer options for students.

(c) Among the purposes of the California Community College Statewide Agricultural Advisory Committee is the development of recommendations for improving and enhancing community college agricultural education programs on a statewide basis.

(d) It is in the best interests of the public that programs in agricultural education that exist within the California Community Colleges system be measured annually against uniform, objective quality criteria indicators.

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